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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: VOLTAGE REGULATOR FOR CONTROLLING OUTPUT VOLTAGE OF
AUTOMOTIVE ALTERNATOR

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the June 15, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. Claims 1-4 are pending in this application.

I. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,151,646 to Vercesi et al. (Vercesi). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Vercesi fails to disclose each and every feature recited in the rejected claims. For example, Vercesi fails to disclose a voltage regulator for controlling output voltage of an automotive alternator, the voltage regulator comprising a switching transistor for controlling excitation current supplied to a field coil of the alternator in an ON-OFF fashion; a voltage control circuit for controlling the switching transistor to maintain output voltage of the alternator at a predetermined level; and a detector circuit for detecting disconnection in a